

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Recommendations from the Minutes of the  
Third Meeting of 2nd 2-Year Charter  
USGS EROS Data Center  
Sioux Falls, SD  
May 1-3, 2002**

**Recommendation:** That NSLRSDA should always have the best available global digital elevation model data set, which will be in the public domain, to be made available on a non-discriminative access basis. Recommendation should be tabled until we discuss the data sieve. We need to define what the best available is, leaf-on or leaf-off. "Best available" includes a note.

**Recommendation:** Recognizing that proper interpretation of remotely sensed observations often requires elevation information, the Committee recommends that NSLRSDA should maintain or facilitate access to the best publically available global, digital elevation model (DEM) data for that purpose.

Consistent with P.L. 102-555 (Sec. 5652), these DEM data will be in the public domain, and shall be made available on a non-discriminatory basis.

**Recommendation:** Naming Subgroup: Dubno, Bender, Williams, Frelk, Faundeen, and Holm. The committee is agreed that for the public the official name "National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive" (also known by the acronym "NSLSDA") is awkward and somewhat confusing. We are proposing that a simpler name be adopted for public use. We tentatively propose calling this the "USGS National Imagery Archive." We are looking for other suggestions prior to our next meeting. (Sadly, we searched on the web and discovered that the "Eros Imagery Archive" was already taken...)

**Recommendation:** Faundeen may want to go to one of the meetings that Goward and Feuquay attend. (Attending May 23, 2002 meeting.)

**Recommendation:** The Committee finds that the USGS has an inadequate budget to carry out its current congressionally mandated responsibility for NSLRSDA (P.L. 102-555, Sec. 5652).

The Committee also finds that additional funding is needed in the immediate future due to increasing data sources and demand for those data.

Therefore the Committee strongly recommends that a 2004 budget initiative be prepared to provide adequate funding to fulfill NSLRSDA's statutory obligations.

**Recommendation:** Having done research and finding that imagery from the USHSF program is properly archived at JSC and NARA, it is the recommendation of the Committee that this data at USGS not be ingested into the NSLRSDA. The Committee will periodically monitor.

**Revised Recommendation:** Recognizing that the NSLRSDA has significant benefit to the National Map and other global remote sensing needs, the Committee finds that the USGS has an inadequate budget to carry out its current Congressionally mandated responsibility for NSLRSDA (P.L. 102-555, Sec. 5652).

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